

The Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal & Review met in Conference Room 109 located at 260 West Exchange Street, Providence RI on Tuesday, March 27, 2007 at 1:00 P.M. Present were Acting Chairman Newbrook and Commissioners Blackburn, Pearson, Filippi and O'Connell. Also present were Executive Director Thomas Coffey and Assistant Administrative Officer Carol Marsella. The following cases were heard.

APPEAL # 050111D: Associate Director Marco Schiappa, for the Rhode Island State House. Chief Deputy Michael DiMascolo appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office and Lt. Richard Vespia appeared for the Providence Fire Alarm Division. Commissioner Blackburn recused himself from consideration of this case, which was heard in subcommittee mode. The subcommittee's recommendations will be voted on at the next scheduled hearing, April 3, 2007. Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Filippi, to approve the plan of action for this facility which was provided by Hughes Associates and agreed to by the parties. This plan includes, but is not limited to, a time variance of 24 months in which to provide sprinklers in the basement level of this facility, and a time variance, to be determined at the direction and to the satisfaction of the State Fire Marshal, for the remaining offices that have yet to be sprinklered. This will be done in conjunction with the installation of emergency lighting and new HVAC system. The State Fire Marshal's office is granted the authority to extend the above 24 month time variance for good faith shown. The Applicant is granted a variance in order to

allow the existing marble handrails in the rotunda stairway to remain in their current configuration. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #90032E: Mr. William Perrett, for the property located at 1 Avenue of the Arts, Providence. Chief Deputy Michael DiMascolo appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office and Lt. Richard Vespia appeared for the Providence Fire Alarm Division. Commissioner Blackburn recused himself from consideration of this case, which was thereupon heard in subcommittee. The subcommittee's recommendations will be presented to, and voted on, at the next hearing of the Board on April 3, 2007. Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner O'Connell, to approve the Applicant's plan of action for evacuation, to be precipitated by the activation of the sprinkler system. The State and Providence Fire Marshals' offices had no objection. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #070143: Mr. William Scampoli, for the property located at 70 Kennedy Plaza, Providence. ADSFM Joseph Michalczyk appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Filippi, to approve the Applicant's request for variance from the provisions of 14.7.8.1, there being no objection from the Providence Fire Marshal's office. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #030351C: Mr. Jeff Morris for the property located at 2600 Mendon Road, Cumberland. (Cumberland High School) Lt. Claude

LaFlamme appeared for the Cumberland Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner O'Connell, to approve the modification of the Board's previous decision in this matter, and allow the Applicant not to sprinkler the pool area or locker/shower room of this facility. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #060943: Mr. Anthony Lancellotta, for the property located at 113 Charles Street, North Providence. DSFM Cynthia Dehler appeared for the State Fire Marshal's office and ADSFM John Wheeler and Gregory Unsworth appeared for the North Providence Fire Marshal's office. It was determined that the Board will conduct an on-site inspection of this facility, therefore no determination was made in this case.

APPEAL #060644A: Mr. Peter Taraian, for the property located at One Louisa Street, Providence. DSFM Cynthia Dehler appeared for the State Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner O'Connell, to allow a one-time use of this facility for a community meeting, in conjunction with any safeguards deemed necessary by the State Fire Marshal's office, including, but not limited to, testing the fire alarm system of this facility prior to the requested meeting. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #040463: Alpha Group LLC, for the property located at 1370 Smith Street, North Providence. ADSFM Gregory Unsworth and

ADSFM John Wheeler appeared for the North Providence Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Filippi made a motion, seconded by Commissioner O'Connell, to grant the Applicant relief from the provisions of sections 7.2.2.1.1 and 7.1.5.1.1 on the basis of structural hardship, in the absence of any objection by the North Providence Fire Marshal's office. The motion was unanimous. This matter was heard in subcommittee. The subcommittee's recommendations will be made to the full Board and voted on at the April 3, 2007 hearing.

APPEAL #040470: WEC LLC, for the property located at 39 Cleveland Street, North Providence. ADSFM Gregory Unsworth and ADSFM John Wheeler appeared for the North Providence Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Filippi to grant the Applicant's request for relief on the basis of structural hardship, in the absence of any objection by the North Providence Fire Marshal's office. The motion was unanimous. This matter was heard in subcommittee. The subcommittee's recommendations will be made to the full Board and voted on at the April 3, 2007 hearing.

APPEAL #050238: Mr. Lawrence Natale, for the property located at 7 Touro Street, Providence. ADSFM Michael Brown appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner O'Connell made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Filippi, to grant the Applicant a time variance of 120 days to convert this facility back to a three-family dwelling, and to provide this facility with smoke and CO detection as

required for a three-family building. The motion was unanimous. This matter was heard in subcommittee. The subcommittee's recommendations will be made to the full Board and voted on at the April 3, 2007 hearing.

APPEAL #050246: Paul Cuffee School, for the property located at 459 Promenade Street, Providence. ADSFM Michael Brown appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Filippi, to grant the Applicant's request for variance from the provisions of sections 7.1.10.1 and 15.2.3.2. A motion was made to grant the Applicant's request for variance from the provisions of section 7.2.1.8.1 provided that the chocks are removed from the cited doors during a fire drill or a fire. The motion was unanimous. This matter was heard in subcommittee. The subcommittee's recommendations will be made to the full Board and voted on at the April 3, 2007 hearing.

APPEAL #050018: Mr. Norman R. Beaudoin, for the property located at 95-117 Main Street, Woonsocket. Capt. David Beaubien appeared for the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner O'Connell, to approve the Applicant's request to modify a previous decision by installing a water curtain in place of fully wrapping a three-story stairway with two-hour fire rated partitions, and to grant the Applicant's request for a time extension. The motion was unanimous. This matter was heard in subcommittee. The subcommittee's recommendations will be

made to the full Board and voted on at the April 3, 2007 hearing.

APPEAL #050310: Mr. John Laughter, for the property located at 288-292 Rathbun Street, Woonsocket. Capt. David Beaubien appeared for the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Filippi made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn, to grant the Applicant a time variance of 180 days to correct the outstanding deficiencies in this facility. The motion was unanimous. This matter was heard in subcommittee. The subcommittee's recommendations will be made to the full Board and voted on at the April 3, 2007 hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

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